

# Connections

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Wayne Street Church

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September-October-November 2023

## A Note from Pastor Tim

On Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, we are going to have a special combined service that will double as a congregational meeting. We will have a couple of things on the agenda that day. Under our new by-laws, we will be having an annual congregation meeting to present the leadership list and the annual budget. At that time, we will go over both and answer questions. This is to help all of us to be on the same page about the direction of the church. We will have some music as well as communion that Sunday.

Another item of business we will take care of this year is making a decision about joining the Global Methodist Church or remaining independent. There are some comparison of other similar denominations in the pages of this newsletter. Have a look and please let me know if you have any questions.

The final part we want to cover on November 5<sup>th</sup> is casting a vision for the next year. We want to set some goals that we all have to own. Some goals on attendance, participation, engagement in our local community, and financial goals. By the end of this meeting, you should have a very clear idea of where Wayne Street will be going in 2024. If there is anything specific you would like to have covered or answered in this meeting, please do not wait until that day to ask. Drop me an email so we can make sure we cover all of the information that people are interested in knowing.

All of this is in an attempt to be as transparent as possible. Information currently flows very slowly and we want to end that problem forever. Ministry is a mission we are all in together and that is going to be our primary emphasis for the next year.

One way to accomplish that is by having ministry discussions at our Leadership Meetings. We have set up a series of teams to take on issues from around the church. We have the trustees to watch over and take care of the building. The Mission team is overseeing the mission spending and engagement around the community and beyond. Our new Congregational Care team is working to keep track of anyone who may have a need around the congregation. Staff Care is looking out for our staff both personally and professionally. We are also working to organize a Worship Team that will create engaging worship services on Sunday morning. As of my writing this newsletter article, all of these groups have met except for the Worship Team. If you have questions or want more information about these teams, please let me know. We are still looking for people to be involved.

Please keep all of this in your prayers. In fact, if you would like to join together with us in prayer, we are planning to meet Sunday evenings at 7:00 for a half hour of prayer in the chapel, located in the children's wing on the bottom floor of the educational wing. It is directly under the office. We will be there in prayer because our ultimate goal is twofold. First, we want God's blessing on our church and any plans or vision for Wayne Street. Second, we want to be as transparent as possible to anyone and everyone, both active members and first time visitors. There are no secrets here and we just want to build God's Kingdom here in St Marys and beyond.

Read through the rest of this newsletter. It is full of information about all of the events and happenings in YOUR church. If you would like to receive emails or texts from me that come out Monday and Saturday nights, please let me know and I will add you to the list.

Pastor Tim



# YOUTH GROUP FALL SCHEDULE



<b>September 6</b>	<b>Small Group Night</b>
September 13	Balaam's Donkey (God knows our hearts)
September 20	Ehud and the Fat King (God forgives)
September 27	Samson and the Donkey Jaw (Nothing is impossible with God)
<b>October 4</b>	<b>(Off campus - Bonfire)</b>
October 11	Dagon's Fall (We must honor God)
October 18	Elisha and the Bears (God has amazing power)
October 25	Naaman's Baths (We must trust God)
<b>November 1</b>	<b>(Off campus - Halloween Challenge)</b>
November 8	Ezekiel's Vision (God's glory is beyond our comprehension)
November 15	Valley of the Dry Bones (God alone brings us to life)
November 29	Hosea's Marriage (God is faithful)
December 6	Jesus Puts His Spit on a Blind Man (God makes us whole)
December 13	Paul and the Snake (God protects us)
<b>December 20</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>
<b>December 29</b>	<b>ALL NIGHTER!</b>



## CWS Period Pack (Menstrual Hygiene Kit)

You can help end period poverty. Period.

Reminder your purchased items for these kits need to be returned by September 10.

Place your items in the container provided located in the fellowship hall.

If you would like to help assemble these kits please contact Angie Myers.

*Hebrews 13:16*

*And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*

Thanks again for providing these items for period packs.

*Wow, summer seems to have went by so quick. I dont even know where to start except to say I am so thankful for the time to regroup. I have missed my Wednesday night crew so I am looking forward to seeing them again soon.*

*I am excited for our new curriculum and to start teaching it. We will be using **HYFI FROM LIFEWAY**. Hyfi is based upon the Bible and gives us a clear picture of Jesus. This series will cover a year biblical principles, one new one each month that will help the children have a sense of belonging and acceptance according to the word. Some of the curriculum is digital so the children will be watching fun, engaging videos. This curriculum will also help us "flip the script" on what society is trying to teach the children.*

*I can always use some more volunteers so if you feel led to help in any way we have **Sunday School** at **9:45 am** starting **September 10th**, **Awaken** is at **10:45 am** after Praise and Worship or **Wednesdays** starting **September 6th** from **6-7:30 pm**.*

*Our **WOMEN CONFERENCE** is **SEPTEMBER 29, 6-9 PM** and **SEPTEMBER 30 8:30-4 PM**.  
Be sure to scan the QR code and get registered.*



*Our **COMMUNITY LADIES GROUP** will be meeting in October  
(not sure of dates yet) but look for that as well.  
Bring a friend and be ready to laugh, pray and love.*

*If you need anything, please reach out to me at **567-204-0312** text or call me.*

*\*\*Also be sure to grab a ticket to watch me dance for a great fundraiser on **November 4th**  
at St. Henry's Romers for the **M.A.V. Dancing with the Stars** Fundraiser. \*\**

*Blessings, Jessica Skinner  
Director of Children's Discipleship*

## SEPTEMBER

Amy Hogshead **09/01**  
Drew Jacobs **09/01**  
Jack Miller **09/02**  
Sondra Hughes **09/04**  
Hailey Taylor **09/05**  
Ralph Angstmann **09/08**  
Elise Germann **09/09**  
Lola Leasor **09/10**  
Ron Gorby **09/10**  
Jodi Hertenstein **09/10**  
Fred Hullinger **09/11**  
Raegan Amstutz **09/11**  
Jillian Jacobs **09/11**  
Braelynn Syndram **09/11**  
David Graham **09/13**  
Seth Goodwin **09/13**  
Murray Fitzgerald **09/14**  
Ella Jacobs **09/14**  
Claudia Bender **09/15**  
Patsy Schwendeman **09/17**  
John Bubp **09/19**  
Don Renninger **09/19**  
Lexi Boos **09/20**  
Jane Schnarre **09/21**  
Michael Huber **09/21**  
Erika Angstmann **09/23**  
Debbie Knox **09/24**  
Judy McGinnis **09/25**  
Jon Roberts **09/25**  
Angela Youngs **09/25**  
Marilyn Burke **09/26**  
Delilah Klosterman **09/26**  
Katie Wehnes **09/27**  
Terry Ballweg **09/29**  
Luke Hertenstein **09/29**  
Nicole Rasmussen **09/30**

## OCTOBER

Darwin Zeigler **10/01**  
Michelle Sudman **10/01**  
Kegan Youngs **10/03**  
Jason Durkee **10/04**  
Julia Boley **10/05**  
Trenton Klaus **10/05**  
Paul Carmean **10/07**  
Joel Johns **10/08**  
Julie Jacobs **10/08**  
Geraldine Beckett **10/10**  
Karen Evans **10/10**  
Darcie Liming **10/12**  
Joni Ibarra **10/13**  
Ella Kable **10/13**  
Shelby Wilder **10/14**  
Jean Smith **10/15**  
Valerie McCollister **10/17**  
Levi Chiles **10/18**  
Dorothy Dennings **10/22**  
Paul Leasor **10/23**  
Sue Grothause **10/24**  
Aaron Powell **10/25**  
Ali Hertenstein **10/25**  
Gracelyn Johns **10/25**  
Becky MacWhinney **10/30**



## NOVEMBER

Roberta Yingling **11/01**  
Donna Campbell **11/01**  
Cynthia Snyder **11/01**  
Ethan Snyder **11/01**  
Samuel Howell **11/02**  
Bill Johnson **11/02**  
Donovan Widney **11/02**  
Aaron Adams **11/03**  
Rachel Endres **11/03**  
Jace Deubler **11/03**  
Linne Huber **11/04**  
Tynan Kuck **11/04**  
Christopher Chiles **11/04**  
Lynne Jessen **11/04**  
Derek Freewalt **11/05**  
Luther Gibbens **11/06**  
Jacob Huber **11/06**  
Peter Burke **11/07**  
Doug Whitling **11/07**  
Turner Youngs **11/07**  
Robert Cunningham **11/08**  
Terry Lenhart **11/08**  
Tom Slife **11/09**  
Donna Graham **11/09**  
Karl Dammeyer **11/12**  
Jackie Hullinger **11/13**  
Linda Haines **11/13**  
Hattie Patterson **11/13**  
Mali Chiles **11/13**  
Katelyn Freewalt **11/14**  
Austin Barrett **11/14**  
Kathy Gorby **11/15**  
Nathaniel Graham **11/15**  
Shawn McCollister **11/20**  
Jaxton Spees **11/21**  
Amy Bubp **11/22**  
Ruth Huffman **11/23**  
Steven Tebbe **11/24**  
Kendal Davis **11/25**  
Seth Brigham **11/26**  
Wayne Freewalt **11/27**  
Joe Brown **11/27**  
Dixie Durkee **11/27**  
Ruth Ann Woesner **11/28**  
Marilyn Lauth **11/29**  
Johanna Hough **11/29**



# Anniversaries



## SEPTEMBER

Glenn & Kay Ramga **09/02**  
Dennis & Deborah Stienecker **09/30**  
David & Sondra Hughes **09/01**  
Doug & Margie Whitling **09/11**  
John & Amy Bubp **09/20**  
Bill & Cheryl Harr III **09/02**  
Timothy & Brenda Jones **09/20**  
Lee & Patricia Sudman **09/09**  
Ellen & Aaron Adams **09/16**  
David & Kendra Syndram **09/12**  
Jennifer & Matthew Douglas **09/19**

## OCTOBER

Paul & Barbara Wibbeler **10/13**  
Bill & Patsy Schwendeman **10/18**  
Veryl & Denise Cisco **10/23**  
Dan & Roselyn Klenke **10/15**  
Jay & Cheryl Kuck **10/27**  
Greg & Cynthia Snyder **10/10**  
Keith & Julie Jacobs **10/12**  
Geoffrey & Angela Lee **10/07**  
Alison & Jody Poff **10/22**  
Greg & Laura Freewalt **10/16**

## NOVEMBER

Delilah & Jerry Klosterman **11/13**  
Jon & Julie Roberts **11/12**  
Todd & Carol Williams **11/19**



### Accepting:

- New/gently used heavy winter coats
- New winter hats
- New winter gloves
- New winter scarves
- New socks



Agape  
Ministries, Inc



Warm

Winter

Coat Drive



September 19th -  
October 30th





# Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

You are invited to learn more about Operation Christmas Child  
September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 -11:30 am at Mt. Tabor Church of God 9744 US Rt 127 Celina, OH.

- \* Please bring a WOW item or special item to put in a shoebox to share during the program.
- \* There will be door prizes.
- \* You can register for the event using this link: <https://forms.gle/5CrZv5HQFXvVhJGd8>

September 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 11:30 am at Union Chapel Missionary Church at 4869 Ada Rd. Lima, OH.  
Pastors, Prayer Warriors, and friends of Operation Christmas Child are invited to the **Lima Area Shoebox Explosion** for a time of Operation Christmas Child Prayer, Praise, and Worship.

## Panama: Thank the Lord for the Unknown Donor

*"Thank the Lord for the unknown donator: my 11 years old stepson received a box from Samaritan Purse. He received a lot of goodies and other presents, among them it was an UNO game. Every night, we gather for dinner and after that play Uno, for a short while. What makes me happier is that my 22 year old daughter, used to dinner in her room, and barely share with us. Thanks to the unknown donor (there were not any hint about who build the box) she comes out every evening, have dinner with us and play with us. I pray for all of you, thank the Lord for people like you and specially bless that special person who maybe didn't know that he/she was helping a family in Panama to get closer and pray together. May the Lord Blessing be over you all. Blessings"*

Once again, Wayne Street Church will be participating in Operation Christmas Child. After our very successful Christmas in July campaign to raise funds to cover the shipping of our shoeboxes, all you need to do is fill lots of shoeboxes so more children can hear the Gospel and come to know Christ. **If you prefer to have someone else shop for items to fill a shoebox, please place your donation in an envelope and mark for OCC items by October 29.**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** Kick-off Sunday for Operation Christmas Child. Help assemble and stuff shoeboxes with materials between services.

**October 29<sup>th</sup> – November 5<sup>th</sup>** Continue to get your shoeboxes and return filled ones.

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** Dedication Sunday. Please have all shoeboxes returned. After the Awaken service, please stay and help load the shoeboxes into the trailer.

Please pray for the child who will be receiving your shoebox to come to know Christ.

Thank you for participating in this mission project!

*Mike & Bonnie Condry*

# A Comparison of Wesleyan Denominations



## Denominational Giving

Church	Yes/No	Percentage
United Methodist Church	Yes	7—15% of church's budget – varies by annual conference
Global Methodist Church	Yes	4% of previous year's base income – set by General Conference/Annual Conference & capped at 6.5%
Free Methodist	Yes	10%-13% of previous year's income – varies by annual conference
Wesleyan Church	Yes	11%
Church of the Nazarene	Yes	Approximately 15% - includes pastor's retirement
Congregational Methodist	Yes	Decided by local church
Independent	No	N/A

# Bishops

Church	Yes/No	Description
United Methodist Church	Yes	Elected for Life
Global Methodist Church	Yes	Elected for term of years to be determined by first General Conference (likely two 6-year terms)
Free Methodist	Yes	Elected for up to 12 years
Wesleyan Church	Yes	One General Superintendent for the denomination – elected for 4 years – can be re-elected
Church of the Nazarene	Yes	Called General Superintendents
Congregational Methodist	Yes	President – has minimal authority
Independent	No	N/A

# Trust Clause

Church	Yes/No	Description
United Methodist Church	Yes	Local church owns property in trust for its annual conference
Global Methodist Church	No	
Free Methodist	Yes	UMCs that transfer in can keep property they transfer in with, but newly acquired property or buildings fall under trust clause
Wesleyan Church	Yes	Local church owns property in trust for annual/general conference
Church of the Nazarene	Yes	Local church owns property in trust for annual/general conference
Congregational Methodist	No	
Independent	No	



# Clergy Deployment

Church	Method	Description
United Methodist Church	Appointed by Bishop	One year appointment
Global Methodist Church	Appointed by Bishop	Presiding Elders recommend one of more potential persons to church. Both Church/Pastor can decline or accept.
Free Methodist	Appointed by General Super.	Indefinite
Wesleyan Church	Call System	Four Year Term
Church of the Nazarene	Call System	At least Five Years
Congregational Methodist	Call System	Indefinite
Independent	Call System	Indefinite

# Denominational Size

Denomination	Size
United Methodist Church	Approx. 13 million members around world
Global Methodist Church	Growing – 1500 + churches in eight nations. Growing weekly.
Free Methodist Church	Approx. 70,000 members in U.S.
Wesleyan Church	Approx. 141,000 members in U.S.
Church of the Nazarene	Approx. 627,000 members in U.S.
Congregational Methodist Church	Approx. 15,000 members in U.S.
Independent	N/A

*Wayne Street Church Presents*

# Women's Conference 2023

**September 29th 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**September 30th 8:30 am - 3:00 pm**

*"Hope"*

-Jeremiah 29:11



**Guest Speaker:** Shannon Maier  
from Journey Living Ministries

Join us for praise and worship, various speakers, DIY project,  
and plenty of fellowship and food!

**Register by email:** [wowaynestreet@gmail.com](mailto:wowaynestreet@gmail.com)

**Cost:** \$30.00 (with t-shirt) or \$20.00 (no t-shirt)

Located at Wayne Street Church  
130 N Wayne Street  
St. Marys, OH





Recovery Group is a biblical and balanced program that offers help for those struggling with hurts, hang-ups, and habits by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through a recovery process. **Recovery Group meets weekly every Tuesday evening on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.** For more info, contact **LUKE YAHL** [coolhand906@gmail.com](mailto:coolhand906@gmail.com)

**~ Worship with us each Sunday ~**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
 and W.O.W Children's Worship

Nursery available  
 for infants up to 3 years of age

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Services are also available online on our YouTube channel - Wayne Street UMC

Go to our website for upcoming events and updates.

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Check us out on Facebook too!



**Monday:** 9:30 a.m – 3:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** 9 a.m. – 12 noon  
**Wednesday:** 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
**Thursday:** 9 a.m.– 12 noon  
**Friday:** Closed

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# **FARMERS' MEAL**

## **AND COUNTRY STORE**

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

**AT WAYNE ST. UMC  
130 N. WAYNE, ST. MARYS**